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Hoyer Visit Prompts Diversity Of Opinions on War and Bush

by Virginia Beauchamp

Congressman Steny Hoyer set the tone for Monday afternoon's public meeting on April 14 by reconfirming his "pleasure" during the 22-plus years he has served this city in the House of Representatives in that, however contentious might be the topics under discussion, the meetings themselves had always been conducted with "great civility."

For the most part that characterization remained true throughout the two hours that were to follow. Only occasionally did a few persons call out objections or loud endorsements of what others were saying. Only one person expressed his views with a loud voice and strong emotion; during the whole meeting the Congressman kept his cool.



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Steny Hoyer, Congressman for the 5th District, responds to a question from Sylvia Lewis. Hoyer met with constituents to discuss the war in Iraq. More than 100 people attended.

The meeting itself, which developed from an invitation by the Greenbelt City Council, took place at 4 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Community Center, moved there from the originally scheduled venue in the council chamber of the Municipal Building. Before it was over, more than 100 constituents had gathered to exchange views with their long-time Congressional representative over the war in Iraq – far too many for the smaller room.

At the beginning aides to Congressman Hoyer set forth on a table printed copies of a speech Hoyer, who is House Democratic Whip, had delivered on March 12 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Titled "At Diplomacy's End: Only Action Will Secure Saddam Hussein's Disarmament," the speech set forth the general argument with which the Congressman also began the summary of his position in having voted for the U.S. military intervention.

"We had a moral responsibility," Hoyer said, "to stop human rights abuses." Referring to his earlier support for the too-long-delayed action in Kosovo on behalf of its Muslim population, he separated himself from endorsement of U.S. actions in Nicaragua and Guatemala during the Reagan administration. But he characterized the United States as in general using power "judiciously" and "nonacquisitively."

On the issue of Iraq, Hoyer said he took the position that the

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Greenbelt East Residents Air Their Crime Concerns

by Anne Sucher

Do residents feel safe in Greenbelt East? About 12 people attended a meeting on March 19 in the Greenbriar Community Room to express their concerns to Greenbelt's Public Safety Advisory Committee on that topic. On hand were committee members Mary Crawford, Edward Hickey, Walter Moody, Silke Pope, Ted Shafer, James Thompson and Sherre Washington, as well as City Councilmem-ber Ed Putens and staff liaison to the committee, Connie Harris. In addition, representatives from the fire department and the police department were present to answer questions. Committee leader Pope re-emphasized that the goal of this series of meetings was to hear what the concerns are directly from Greenbelt citizens so that the committee can fairly report back to the council when it comes to future budget allocations.

Again, topics raised by citizens ranged from crosswalks and drug dealing to terrorism. The first man to come forward requested more painted crosswalks at the bus stops to increase children's safety when walking to and from school when there are no crossing guards. The committee said it would take this back to council.

Regarding terrorism and "acts of God," the police reiterated that in case of an emergency each school has an evacuation

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City Has Wins and Losses During Legislative Session

by Peter Curtis

The Spring 2003 Maryland General Assembly was "challenging" to work with, according to David Moran, assistant to the Greenbelt city manager. Many delegates and senators were new to Annapolis. Different parties controlled the administration and the legislature and Greenbelt is now in a new electoral district following re-districting. Added to all of this was the serious and politically contentious fiscal crisis facing the state.

The city identified 18 bills submitted to this session which were important enough to publicly support or oppose. Given the factors noted, it is not surprising that just four of the bills supported by Greenbelt passed; the two measures it opposed were defeated.

The four successful bills were a diverse group. One allows Prince George's County more flexible authority to impose surtaxes on developers in order to support public school facilities in local areas. Another permits counties and municipalities to purchase electricity in aggregate amounts for customers in their jurisdictions. Under a third new law drivers coming from both directions will be required to stop for pedestrians who are using a crosswalk.

Finally, in a very controversial measure, the Assembly gave local jurisdictions the right to use radar-directed cameras in giving speeding citations to motorists. This last measure may yet be vetoed by Governor Ehrlich because of privacy concerns. The two measures the city opposed and which the Assembly failed to pass both concerned red light cameras. One

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2004 Budget

Public Safety Budget Review Reveals Expenditure Impact

by Diane Oberg

With a proposed budget of $7.2 million, public safety accounts for 40 percent of total city expenditures in City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004. This represents an increase of 3.5% over the current budget. The Greenbelt City Council discussed the public safety budget at an April 7 worksession.

Police

The police budget accounts for 97.6 percent of the public safety budget with proposed expenditures of $7 million. Personnel expenses account for most of that at $5.5 million. New equipment accounts for $175,000 and other operating expenses total $1.36 million in the proposed budget.

Conversion costs to the new retirement plan for police officers, which are running 150% over state estimates provided prior to council's adopting the new plan also account for a significant increase in the non-departmental account. Since these costs will continue for 25 years, they will continue to put pressure on the city budget.

McLaughlin proposes eliminating the police cadet position and creating a new corporal's position to oversee the city's K-9 unit, which will increase by one dog-officer pair. The total number of sworn police officers would remain unchanged at 53. Springhill Lake has proposed a public-private partnership to fund an officer assigned to Springhill Lake. If an agreement is reached between the city and Springhill Lake, the total number of officers would increase by one. However, McLaughlin expects that all or most of the city's share, for the first three years, would be funded through grants.

McLaughlin and Police Chief James Craze propose to eliminate one of the city's red light cameras, located at Cherrywood Lane and Kenilworth Avenue. While the red light program as a whole covers its cost, with estimated fines of $600,000 exceeding expenses of $383,200, this camera does not catch many speeders. Only 221 citations were issued from this location, resulting in expenses exceeding fines by roughly $19,500 during calendar 2002.

At the April 7 worksession Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Edward Putens argued that so long as the program as a whole pays for itself, the camera should be retained. Mayor Judith Davis asked them where they would find the $20,000 needed to retain this camera in a budget already calling for a hefty tax increase. Councilmember Thomas White agreed with the city manager's proposal.

The city had expected that tickets issued based on the cameras would decline during the course of the year as drivers became aware of the cameras and modified their behavior. At least during this first full year of operation, this has not been the case. Craze reported that tickets from the cameras have remained steady, prompting White to suggest that Greenbelt's "red light runners are not as bright" as those in other areas.

The budget also provides for seven new police cars. Craze pro-

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 19
10 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Lake Park (rain - Youth Center)
Sunday, April 20
7 a.m., Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service, Buddy Attick Lake Park
Monday, April 21
8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, CARES, Misc. and Other Funds, Municipal Building
Tuesday, April 22
7 p.m., ACE Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, April 23
8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Public Works, Community Center
Thursday, April 24
7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place
Friday, April 25
Noon to 6 p.m., Blood Drive, Community Center
Saturday, April 26 - Earth Day
10 a.m. to noon, North Shore, Greenbelt Lake Park
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Family Style Fun at Springhill Lake
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Public Works Open House 2003 - Public Works Facility

Letters to the Editor

Unfairly Maligned

A letter in last week's News Review misconstrued the nature of anti-war civil disobedience and unfairly maligned Esther Webb, a Greenbelter who was recently profiled in the paper. The letter also decried the News Review's choice to profile Ms. Webb in a positive light. On the contrary, the News Review is to be congratulated for presenting alternative coverage in the face of the uncritical pro-war bias of the "mainstream" media.

Civil disobedience is a noble tradition and has long been employed by people of conscience such as Mohandas Gandhi. It is a nonviolent way of expressing opposition to unjust laws and policies, especially in the absence of other effective recourse. It is specious to compare antiwar civil disobedience to stealing, since nothing material is gained by crossing police lines and no one is hurt or deprived of property and it is absurd to insinuate that by profiling Ms. Webb the News Review is somehow encouraging lawlessness in Greenbelt.

When police lines are used to stifle dissent, it becomes relevant to challenge those officially imposed boundaries. Here is a case in point: last fall I was with a small group of anti war demonstrators in Baltimore who had assembled to ask President Bush not to attack Iraq. Well in advance of Bush's arrival at a downtown hotel, the police confined our group to a small area more than a block away from the hotel, behind tall buildings, where Mr. Bush would never see us. In doing so the police were abusing their authority in order to ensure that our dissent would be effectively silenced. None of us chose to "martyr" ourselves by leaving our designated site, but had some done so, they would have been acting as patriotic citizens invoking their right to freedom of speech and assembly, which the police were trying to deny us.

I remember most vividly being ordered by a policeman to move off a sidewalk where other citizens were allowed to move freely, just because I was carrying an antiwar sign. Thus for simply expressing a view, I was being denied my right as a citizen to use a public sidewalk. That was a chilling feeling indeed, and I think a sad measure of how far this country has deviated from the so-called freedoms that the pro-war letter writers think we are bringing to the rest of the world.

Ruth Kastner

Esther Webb Is An Inspiration

In contrast to your letter writers who were "unsettled" about the story of Esther Webb, I found her an inspiration and a good role model for young people. The tactic of submitting to peaceful arrest was instrumental in calling attention in this country to the injustice of apartheid in South Africa and in our own nation's struggles with racial inequality. Remember the Boston Tea Party – certainly an unlawful and violent act that we hold up today as a brave demonstration against the injustice of "Taxation Without Representation." Mrs. Webb's gentle act was not one of throwing tea or wrecking property, etc. It was an act that says she not only marches but is willing to pay the arrest-and-fine penalty of expressing her disagreement more demonstrably. Would it have played a part in the majority's support if each of us had been charged the price of this war up front? (Minimum $500.)

How apt that one writer would use GHI as an analogy for adhering to the law and regulations. The United Nations could be portrayed as the GHI of the world. When you have a complaint against your neighbor, you take it to the board. You try to convince the board (Security Council) of your position and win their votes for whatever action you deem to be appropriate. If you do not prevail, however, you are not then allowed to storm your neighbor's house and "liberate" it from whatever evil lies within, no matter how right you think your cause is, even if you're a member of the board.

I was one of the apparent minority who did not support this action and will not support the next one against (pick one: Syria, Libya, Iran, North Korea, etc.) in the name of forceful "regime change." I support our troops and agree they are indeed brave and will gladly "stand up next to them to defend . . ." but I fervently hope not to send them again under these circumstances.

I support the concept of obeying the law, as well as cooperative living. I suspect Mrs. Webb does as well. But she feels so strongly about war that a special act of controlled civil disobedience is warranted in her eyes. In the face of such a large and vocal majority, her act stands out. We need our servicemen and women to "preserve all our freedoms," but we need people like Esther Webb, too, to warn us of the perils of resorting to war. Call me next time, Esther. I'll come and bail you out.

Rick Ransom

Get Facts Straight

This letter is not in defense of Esther Webb, because I do not feel that she did anything wrong. This letter is to get the facts straight. Just because you are arrested does not mean that you broke any law. I was arrested many years ago when a group from the American Public Health Association attempted to present a petition to the Embassy of South Africa requesting that they end apartheid. The case was thrown out by the courts that ruled we had a right to petition a foreign government. I do not know if Esther was found guilty in all or any of her arrests.

Even more important is the implication in the letter that it is never correct to violate the law. If a law is unjust or discriminatory, one has not only a right but an obligation to violate that law, in order to bring these facts to the attention of the public. I suppose Ms. Coleman would have castigated those who participated in the Boston Tea Party for breaking the law. Or would she have advised Rosa Parks to stand in the back of the bus rather than occupy a seat that was reserved for "Whites only." How about telling those who "sat in" at a segregated lunch counter to eat at a diner that serves blacks. There are many more examples but I think I have made my point.

Regarding the other letter saying that some wars are necessary The facts concerning our entry into WWII are not quite accurate. Our entry into WWII occurred after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. We then declared war against Japan and then Germany declared war against us. It is anybody's guess as to how we would have become involved in the war had this not occurred. As a combat veteran with the 35th Infantry Division during WWII, I am opposed to any war, unless it is for direct protection of this country. There is no provable evidence that Iraq was threatening us. If we are to change all governments that are ruled by nasty dictators, where do we stop?

My experience during WWII was ample demonstration that everybody suffers during operations that include massive bombing, with great civilian casualties. I can understand why France, Germany and Russia were against the war in Iraq. The populations of these countries were directly involved in WWII. Any killing affects both those who do the killing and the population where the killings occur. I am glad the war was swift and is near an end. I still have questions as to what is going to happen in Iraq after the fighting is over. The fighting in Afghanistan has been over for some time, but everything is a mess there. I believe that the problem in Iraq could have been solved in a way other than with the mass destruction that took place there.

Harvey Geller

The "Good Guys"

Kathy Reynolds was very gracious in her letter of thanks about the 'Good Guys' band. I would be remiss not to name my partners, John "Rock" McBride, Donald Nickolson and Kenny Nickolson. I should also point out that Tim Leech, owner of the Riverdale Pizza Pub, is a Greenbelt boy. Our thanks to him and to all of the Greenbelters and others who came out for a friend in need, Bill "Santa Claus" Devlin. Greenbelt is great!

Rick Ransom

Music on Center

The New Deal Café will hold the first of their Music on Center series of music festivals on Saturday, April 19.

The Crazy Quilt Music Festival will run 1 to 10 p.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
Week of April 18
The Quiet American (R)
Friday
*5:00, 7:30, 9:40
Saturday
*2:45, *5:00, 7:30, 9:40
Sunday
*2:45, *5:00, 7:30
Monday - Thursday
*5:00, 7:30
*These shows at $5.00
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The Old Curmudgeon



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"I just talked to Steny Hoyer . . . remind me never to discuss the war with Greenbelters!"

Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club
invites you to hear
Tim Hucker,
President, Progressive Maryland
and Angela Walker, Youth Speaker
Friday, April 25, 2003, 8 p.m.
Terrace Room
Greenbriar Community Building
Refreshments served afterward.
For information, call 301-474-6668

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Community Events

Practice Bike Rides To Begin April 24

The first Pink Ribbon Rider practice bike ride for beginners will be Thursday, April 24, meeting at 6 p.m. outside the Youth Center. The rides and clinics are free. No prior registration is required. All that is required is a willingness to train for Greenbelt's second annual Bike4Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon Ride on October 4.

This ride/clinic series will be held most Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. through September 11. Meet outside the Youth Center at least through May 1.

For more information on the training, contact Don Comis via email at DonaldComis@msn.com or call 301-345-5408.

For more information on the Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride, log on to bike4breastcancer.org, call 301-474-3635 or by email at sylvialewis@bike4breastcancer.com.

Bird Bear to Speak At Explorations

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Duane Bird Bear on Friday, April 25. Bird Bear is the chief of the Division of Tribal Government Services with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. He has worked for the bureau for the past 19 years, first in Montana and for the past four years in D.C. He will be talking about his personal experiences growing up on an Indian reservation as well as contemporary federal-tribe relations.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Pet Artwork Needed For Pet Expo

The Greenbelt Pet Expo is looking for artists (or anyone who loves their pet) of all ages to draw or paint a picture of their beloved pet(s) – dogs, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, fish, birds – any type of pet – for use at the Pet Expo on Saturday, May 17. These drawings will be put up in the hallways of the Community Center on that day. Limit all artwork to no larger than 18 inches x 24 inches. Artwork should be dropped into the box marked "Pet Expo Artwork" outside the Community Center main office. The name of the artist, phone number and address should be written on the back of the artwork. Artwork can be picked up after the Expo. For more information call Susie Hall at 301-474-6124.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ellie Rimar opened the April 9 meeting and Jim Holohan read a poem by Joe Rimar.

Marge and Joe Hromulak, Ray Stattel and Ernie Rochefort were greeted by the president and new member Reverend Ed Birner was welcomed to the club.

Travel committee member Shirleyann Egenreider reminded members of the trip to Monticello, Virginia on April 24. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. There is room on the trip to Ladew Topiary Gardens and lunch on May 19, and on the Lady Baltimore Lunch Cruise on June 26.

Lori Moran has openings on the Cape May, New Jersey trip on Sept. 10 to 12. For more information call 301-345-1429.

The 50-50 winners were Alberta Tompkins and Clara Findlay.

The April 23 meeting will have a "Show and Tell" by the members and April 30 will be Bingo.

Enjoy the beautiful spring blossoms in Greenbelt.

Care of Mentally Ill Topic of Workshop

"Planning for the Future Care of Relatives with Mental Illness" will be the topic of Dr. Agnes Hatfield when she addresses a workshop of the National Association for the Mentally Ill. The free program will be held at the Greenbelt Library on Saturday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call Jane Kelley at 301-577-6026.

Red Cross Sponsors Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department will hold a blood drive on Friday, April 25 at the Community Center gym from noon to 6 p.m.

The war in Iraq has made blood donations more important than ever and people are encouraged to participate in this blood drive to help meet the great need.

Those who have not already been contacted by the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg of the Recreation Department at 301-397-2212. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour if scheduled appointees fail to show.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 through 8.

Wednesday, April 23, 10:15 to 11 a.m., Cuddletime for ages 12 months to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, April 24, 10:15 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 through 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for 2-year-olds with caregiver.

Adult Program

Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m., Friends of the Greenbelt Library book discussion of Mildred Taylor's "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry."

Dan Hart Returns To New Deal Café

Songwriter, funny guy and ex-shrink Dan Hart will return with his unique mix of folk, rock and comedy to the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, on Friday, April 25 at 9 p.m. The phone number for information is 301-474-5642. There is no admission charge.

Plant Pullers Needed

On Sunday, April 20, there will be a training and work session on the removal of the invasive species, Multiflora Rose. Doug Love, GHI Woodland Committee member, will be providing the training. Meet at the forested end of Plateau Place at 10 a.m. The work session should last about two hours at most.

Create Cards, Photos

How to create dazzling cards and photos with computer software will be discussed by Mary Camp at a free class sponsored by Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC). The class will be held Friday, April 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center dining hall.

Registration is unnecessary, but reserve a copy of handouts by calling 301-419-8044 before April 23.

Tutoring Resumes

At the completion of the spring break, the homework and tutoring clubs will resume on Tuesday, April 22 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (2:30 to 4:30 p.m.) and on Wednesday, April 23 at Schrom Hills Park (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.)

The Greenbelt Moving Ahead (GMA) Program will resume on Saturday, May 3 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (10 a.m. to noon).

The session on April 26 will not be held because the Springhill Lake Center Building is not available due to the Celebration of Spring activities. GMA is not using computers as tutorial aids in addition to the normal tutoring.

For more information call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

Park Cleans Up

Greenbelt Park invites friends and neighbors to an Earth Day cleanup. Volunteers will gather at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 19 at the Ranger station near the campground. For more information call 301-344-3944.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Game
Mon., April 21	6:00 p.m.	Tigers @ Indians
Tues., April 22	6:00 p.m.	Cubs @ Orioles
Wed., April 23	6:00 p.m.	Athletics @ Giants
Thur., April 24	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals @ Lions
Fri., April 25	6:00 p.m.	Giants @ Orioles
Fri., April 25	7:00 p.m.*	Tigers @ Athletics
Sat., April 26	10:00 a.m.	Lions @ Cubs
Sat., April 26	1:00 p.m.	Indians @ Cardinals

Standings As of Tuesday 4/15/03

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Orioles	2 - 0	Indians	1 - 0
Athletics	0 - 0	Cardinals	0 - 0
Giants	0 - 0	Lions	0 - 1
Tigers	0 - 1	Cubs	0 - 1

2003 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., April 21	6:00 p.m.**	Yankees vs. Astros
Wed., April 23	6:00 p.m.**	Rockies vs. Yankees
Fri., April 25	6:00 p.m.**	Astros vs. Rockies
Sat., April 26	11:00 a.m.**	Rain out/Make up

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted. *This game will be played at Braden #2. **These games will be played at Braden #3.

ST. HUGH'S SCHOOL
SILENT/LIVE AUCTION
Saturday, May 3, 2003 Grenoble Hall
Doors open at 6:30 – Auction begins at 7:00
Tickets $10.00 in advance, $15.00 at the door
Hot hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, beverages and desserts
Ticket sales contact: Paula Beaver 301-474-4071
Visa accepted
Many wonderful items have been donated for this event.
Visit our website www.sthughs.com
Auction will benefit our outdoor classroom.

Greenbriar Community Yard Sale

Saturday, April 26, 2003
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

** RAIN OR SHINE **

Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD
301-441-1096

BUY NOW!
2nd Annual USO Benefit on May 9
will be featuring
the **Fabulous Hubcaps**.
Purchase your tickets for $35 which includes a buffet dinner at the American Legion.
See Steve or front office, Business Office at Greenbelt Youth Center or call Kathie Linkenhoker at 301-474-1776.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 24, 2003 7:30 p.m.
GHI BOARD ROOM

GHI Key Agenda Items

- Audit Presentation – 2002 Consolidated Financial Statements
- Proposed Kennel for 2L Gardenway
- Proposed Addition to 44F Ridge Road
- Ad Hoc Education Committee Charter and Budget Request
- Garage Inspection Report
- A & E Recommendations for Use of Rain Barrels
- CFI Report (Continuous Forest Inventory)
- Slate Roof Replacements – 2nd Reading
- Fuel Surcharge for Trash Disposal – 2nd Reading
- Restoration of 53H Ridge – 2nd Reading
- Addition Roof Pitch

Regular board meetings are open to members.



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY
Saturday, April 26th
12 noon
North Shore of Greenbelt Lake
Join members of the Advisory Committee on Trees in planting Sycamore trees along the shoreline. Plantings will take place following Earth Day Activities.
Info: Bill Phelan 201-474-8004.

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS
POSTER CONTEST
Theme: Forest First Aid



The GHI Woodlands Committee is sponsoring a poster contest as part of its education program to Save the Woodlands from non-native invasive plant species.

Entries to be turned in no later than 4:00 p.m., May 9, 2003 to the GHI Administration Building. For details, pick up a Handout at GHI.

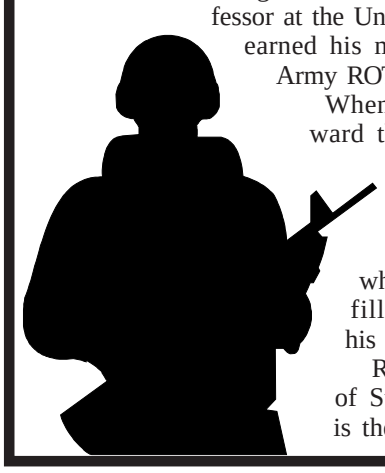
Trees will be planted in the Community with a plaque identifying the poster contest winners as donors.

Greenbelters Serving In the Military

In response to our call for articles regarding Greenbelters serving in the military, we received the following:

Major Frank Cook is the Operations Officer for the Combat Support Battalion at Camp Doha in Kuwait. As Operations Officer, he plans the work of over 1,200 soldiers. He reported to Camp Doha in November 2002, for a year's assignment. Before leaving for Kuwait, Major Cook drove his wife Beth and six-week-old daughter Jessica to Texas, where they will spend the year with Mrs. Cook's parents.

Prior to this assignment, Major Cook was an associate professor at the University of Richmond, where he earned his master's degree while teaching Army ROTC cadets.



When asked about his feelings toward the anti-war demonstrators, he answered that he does his job so that Americans can demonstrate and express their feelings. He is proud to be where he is, feels that he is fulfilling his duty and believes in his country.

Raised in Greenbelt, a graduate of St. Hugh's School, Major Cook is the son of Ed and Jean Cook.

Depression-Era Tale Will Be Discussed

Mildred Taylor's "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry," a tale of one family's struggle in 1930s Mississippi, is the topic of Greenbelt Library's Saturday book discussion on April 26 at 11 a.m.

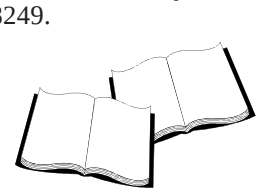
Copies of the book – and books on tapes – can be checked out while supplies last.

This novel, based on real-life events of the author's family, has been translated into scores of languages and was a National Book Award Nominee, as well as the winner of various national awards.

Like "The Borning Room," the subject of the March 15 discussion, this novel's dialogues bring the reader into the family's experiences of love, fear and courage. "Roll of Thunder" was made into a three-part miniseries by ABC in 1978.

No registration is necessary; everyone is invited to read the book and spend an hour talking about the story – or listening to others' comments.

This series is presented by Friends of the Greenbelt Library. Questions can be directed to the library staff at 301-345-5800. To learn more about the Friends of the Greenbelt Library, call 301-441-8249.



Democratic Club Changes Date

This month's meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, April 25, rescheduled because of Good Friday falling on April 18. As usual the group will meet in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at 8 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Thomas Hucker, president of Progressive Maryland. A social hour will follow and members are asked to bring a dessert or snack to share.

In link with the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee, the Roosevelt Club will soon have a website. County information is available on www.pgdems.com and the Maryland Democratic Party's web address is www.mddems.org; email can be sent to the Roosevelt Club at EandFDR@aol.com

Sunrise Service At Greenbelt Lake

An ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 7 a.m. on the shore of Greenbelt Lake near the "Buddy" Attick Park bandstand. Leadership for the service will come from Berwyn Presbyterian Church, the Catholic Community of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt Community Church and Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. All are welcome; in the event of rain, the service will be held at Greenbelt Baptist Church. For more information, call Dan Hamlin at 301-474-6171 or 301-982-0048.

Contest for Teens

Teenagers 17 and under who have great singing voices are needed for a concert. The Langley Park Community Center located at 1500 Merrimac Drive, Hyattsville, is holding tryouts for the Positive Teen Search on Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m.

Winners will be given an opportunity to perform at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on June 7.

Register today by calling 301-864-1611. For more information, visit www.pgparks.com or by touch-tone phone at 301-583-BOOK.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to Councilmember Thomas White and family on the recent death of his sister, Mary W. Lockman.

Congratulations to new U.S. Army Reserve member Tracy Kelley, daughter of Karen Bonner of Mandan Road.

Mike and Colby Storck are happy to announce the birth of their second daughter, Catherine Mary Apollonia. She was born at their home, 69 Ridge, on April 4.

Arts Center Presents "The Tempest"



Norm Gleichman as Stephano in "The Tempest."

Just in time to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday, the Greenbelt Arts Center is presenting a four week run of "The Tempest," one of Shakespeare's most intriguing plays. In this classic masterpiece, Shakespeare's final fantasy-romance for the stage, a magical storm strands the enemies of a banished Duke on his isle of exile. Through magic, misadventure and forgiveness, the Duke, his daughter, his foes and his slaves are all liberated from the prisons of their pasts to the glorious promise of their futures. This play is full of comedy, romance, poetry, music and thrilling magic.

Performances are being held from April 25 through May 17 on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. Matinees are scheduled for Sundays at 2 p.m. on May 4 and 11. The theater is located beside the post office just below Roosevelt Center. For reservations call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

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7:30 pm Sung Liturgy*
Holy Saturday [Apr 19]
8:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter*
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9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 1
10 am Sung Mass*
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 2
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policy and named websites where citizens can find specific information about this, such as http://www.WTOP.org and http://www.MEMA.org.

One woman wanted the News Review to release more specific information about crime sites, such as the exact building where a crime was committed. She felt knowing just the general block area of a crime was not enough to protect herself. Buildings in Greenbelt East generally have 16 units apiece. The police representative explained that the policy is not to give specific addresses because they frequently get retargeted for crime and also it is thought better to alert people in an area generally. They don't want people to just say, "Well, it wasn't in my building, so I'm not concerned."

Security Guard

Greenbelt East residents have hired a private security guard to patrol the apartment buildings, saying the policing by the Greenbelt Police Department just didn't seem to be enough. "Eventually we bit the bullet and got more patrolling going on," said one resident. But it was agreed that there was a need for more help from the Greenbelt police. One woman asked if the police could coordinate with the private security guards, which they do not do at present. The policeman emphasized that community policing is the most effective of all. Citizens should "be nosy" and report suspicious activity to the police, for it is the citizens themselves who know best what are normal happenings in their neighborhood.

Regarding problems with automobile theft, the police said car and radio theft can happen very quickly. Unfortunately, criminals have break-in techniques that make virtually no sound, but usually car thieves get caught because they speed when driving.

Drug Dealing

Several citizens made strong statements about their belief that the public basketball courts at Mandan Road and Ora Glen Drive are a magnet for drug dealing and other crimes. The community has been trying to get the courts removed without success. Residents say they find drug paraphernalia and bottles in the grass and complain that police are not doing enough to clean up this area. They say there is vandalism and "too much hanging out." One citizen jokingly threatened that if they don't do anything, "some anonymous citizen may come out one day with a hacksaw..."

Police responded by saying that when they cruise these areas they just find "kids hanging out, which is not a crime," and they are loath to take away one of the few outdoor recreational options for teenagers. Pope said the committee would ask the council whether they are for or against removing the courts.

A woman who lives in one of the apartment buildings said she knew for a fact that students from Roosevelt were coming over during the daytime to buy drugs at one of the units in her building and again she felt the police were doing nothing.

Police responded that by law they can't search without a warrant – they have to have "probable cause," something a judge can go on. Sometimes police use an undercover officer to try to make a buy at one of these alleged sites, keeping confidential the name of the informant. This can sometimes lead to an arrest.

Meanwhile it was agreed that in general more police presence and drive-by police cruising could cause criminals to think twice before they engage in crimes in Greenbelt East. However, community policing and resident nosiness were also considered "invaluable" in discouraging illegal activity.

To contribute to the discussion on Greenbelt safety concerns, contact Connie Harris, staff liaison to the committee, by email at charris@greenbelt.md.us or call at 301-345-7203.

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would have directed revenues from this source to the District Courts rather than municipalities; the second would have banned such cameras entirely.

Ten measures the city endorsed were defeated outright. Moran pointed out that almost all of these either required new funding, which was in short supply this year or were environmental in nature. The latter were hindered by the pro-business stance of the state administration and the preoccupation of environmental groups with defeating the governor's candidate for Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.

Included in measures which failed to pass were such items as bond funding for repairs and improvements to Springhill Lake, increased fines for littering, a tax on rental vehicles and a requirement that as of 2005, half of all publicly purchased vehicles in Maryland should be powered by hybrid or alternative (non-petroleum) fuels.

The status of the two remaining bills supported by Greenbelt is uncertain. Available information is currently unclear on the fate of a proposal to modify and increase taxes on admission and sales of concessions at amusements. And a bill which the city requested to simplify the process of altering speed limits on local streets was withdrawn at Greenbelt's request after officials of the State Highway Administration met with city representatives and agreed in the future to facilitate such alterations.

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MEETINGS FOR APRIL 21-25

Monday, April 21, 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION, CARES, Misc. and Other Funds**, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, April 23, 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION, Public Works**, Community Center.

Greenbelt Egg Hunt



Come join us for a "Basket-Full" of "Eggs-travagant" Fun!!
Saturday, April 19th
Buddy Attick Lake Park
Promptly at 10:00 a.m.
For ages 18 months thru 6th Grade

Don't be a "Rotten Egg!"
Join us for a free performance after the hunt of "Rufus Meets the Easter Bunny" by Blue Sky Puppet Theater!
In case of inclement weather, the festivities will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center.
Weather and Information Line: 301-474-5525

Celebrate Municipal Government Week! - See your Municipal Government at work at these upcoming family events

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Saturday, April 26th

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2003
10:00 a.m.– 12:00 Noon
North Shore, Greenbelt Lake Park
Come and join members of the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee celebrate Earth Day by planting native plants at the Wetland Education Facility. Bring your work gloves and old shoes and help make a difference! Volunteer community service hours will be given. A hybrid display will be located in the lower parking lot.
For more information call Cindy Murray at 301-345-9334.

CELEBRATION OF SPRING
11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Family Style Fun at the Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr.
The Recreation Department will provide entertainment, hands-on art activities, food, games, a visit from the Jeepers! Mascot and much more!
For further information call 301-397-2200!

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE 2003
10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. ~ Public Works Facility

Bring the whole family out to enjoy equipment demonstrations, sky lift rides, balloons for the kids, a tour of the greenhouse, light refreshments, and a whole lot more! For information call 301-474-8004

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/ PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 21 at 8:00pm "Budget Work Session-CARES, Misc & Other Funds " **Tuesday & Thursday, April 22 & 24, 6pm** "ACE Reading Club at Greenbelt Elementary" **6:30pm** Reading is Fundamental- "Community & Literacy" **7:30pm** "COG Our Region and Homeland Security" Segment 1, **8pm** Replay of Work Session

Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 23 & 25, 7pm "Love Foundation" **7:30pm** "U.S. Navy Band's Harbour Winds at the Greenbelt Library, **8:35pm** "GATE Annual Meeting" **Sunday, April 20** at 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation"

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center



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April 28-May 10
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April 21&22
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April 23-25

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Women's Caucus for Art of Greater Washington D.C. and the City of Greenbelt present a free networking event:

ON THE RECORD: DOCUMENTING WOMEN'S LIVES
Saturday, May 3
9:30am-6:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center

Includes a morning of speakers on Latina topics, including Frida Kahlo; afternoon workshops; a slide show; walking tours of historic Greenbelt, a New Deal-era project; a visit to the Greenbelt Museum; and a reception for two juried art exhibitions. For futher information contact Tara Tappert, 202-635-0869.

The Advisory Committee on Education presents
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Friday, May 2, 2003
7:00pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building
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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Murder

7500 block Hanover Parkway, April 4, 10:29 p.m., a man was about to park his vehicle in a parking lot when the driver of another vehicle, an older model brown four-door sedan (possibly a Crown Victoria) tried to cut him off. The victim then drove away from the area, followed by the suspect. The victim drove to the 7500 block of Hanover Parkway where the sedan pulled up alongside him. The victim then saw the driver point a handgun toward him and fire a shot. Neither the victim nor his vehicle was struck and the sedan then fled the area. Two suspects are described as a black male, 17 to 23, and a second black male, age not given.

Robbery

Area of Mandan Road and Canning Terrace, April 4, 8:31 p.m., a pizza delivery person was sitting in his vehicle in a parking lot looking at a map book when he was approached by a man displaying a handgun and demanding money. After obtaining money from the victim, the suspect fled in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 30, 5'8", 170 lbs., medium build, with close-cropped hair and a light complexion, wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans.

6100 block Greenbelt Road, April 10, 4:18 p.m., a man was walking to work when he was approached by two assailants, one of whom punched the victim in the face and took his jacket. Both suspects then fled in a vehicle described as a red Nissan Stanza with tinted windows. The assailants are known to the victim and investigation is continuing.

7900 block Greenbury Drive, April 10, 11:27 p.m., a man was about to enter a residence when two men approached from behind him. One of them produced a handgun and announced a robbery. The second man then went through the victim's pockets, taking his wallet. Both perpetrators then fled on foot. They are described as (1) a black male, 20 to 25, 5'11", 160 to 170 lbs., dark complexion, wearing a grey sweatshirt, dark pants and a baseball cap, and (2) a black male, 20 to 25, 5'11", 160 to 170 lbs., dark complexion, wearing a dark overcoat and dark pants.

Weapon

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 4, 12:15 p.m., a 19-year-old male of no fixed address was arrested and charged with possession of a deadly weapon on school property after he was found by school administrators to be in possession of a box cutter-type razor. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Drugs

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, April 4, 7:24 p.m., after a traffic stop, a male resident, 22, and a male nonresident, 20, were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. A computer check revealed that the vehicle was unregistered and located in the vehicle was paraphernalia used to store marijuana. Both men were released on citation pending trial.

6000 block Springhill Drive, April 10, 8:50 a.m., after a traffic stop, a female resident, 21, was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of marijuana. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

9100 block Edmonston Court, April 4, 4:12 p.m., someone entered an unsecured residence and took a purse. It was later discovered that personal checks in the purse were used to make unauthorized purchases outside of Greenbelt.

7513 Hanover Parkway, April 9, 8:18 p.m., a non-resident man, 38, was arrested and charged with theft after he allegedly removed money from a safe at Wendy's restaurant. He was arrested on the scene and taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Trespassing

9200 block Springhill Lane, April 7, 4:30 p.m., a 19-year-old resident was arrested after he was seen loitering in the Springhill Lake Shopping Center from which he had been asked to leave. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria four-door, April 4, from the 9100 block Edmonston Court, which was recovered by County police the next day in Landover; a white 1997 Dodge Avenger two-door, Md. tags JTT609, April 4, from Beltway Plaza; a gold 2000 Chrysler Town and Country van, Md. tags 08339HP, April 5, from the 7900 block Kara Court; a light blue 1993 Ford Crown Victoria four-door, Md. tags JNM063, April 5, from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; a 1994 Honda Accord two-door, April 3, from the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, which was recovered April 5 by County police in Langley Park; a 1992 Lincoln Town Car, April 6, from the 9100 block Springhill Lane, which was recovered the same day by County police in the area of Route 50 and Kenilworth Avenue, Cheverly; a 2003 Chrysler Sebring four-door, April 7, from the 7800 block Mandan Road, which was recovered April 10 by the owner in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; a grey 1989 Cadillac DeVille four-door, Md. tags 360BAX, April 8, from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Six vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered, and one adult arrest was involved.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (four incidents); 100 block Centerway; 6000 block Cherrywood Court; 6100 block Springhill court; 7700 block Greenbrook Drive; 9100 block Edmonston Court; 6700 block Springshire way; 7500 block Greenway Center Drive; 7800 block Mandan Road; 100 block Westway.

After an officer saw a vehicle with Virginia temporary tags, he ran a computer check on the tags, knowing that some Virginia tags had been stolen. The computer check revealed that the tags were reported stolen. A non-resident man, 39, was arrested and charged with theft before being released on citation pending trial.

The Department is offering a reward of up to $500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

M.O. Seung Lee "Officer of Year"



Greenbelt Master Police Officer Seung Lee (shown in photo) was selected 2002 Officer of the Year and honored at an April 4 ceremony and luncheon held by the Police Chief's Association of Prince George's County. The event took place at FOP Lodge 89 in Upper Marlboro.

Officer Lee was nominated for his actions on November 19, 2001, which led to the arrest of a suspect for attempted murder, armed carjacking, multiple counts of first degree assault and numerous traffic charges.

A man, who was suspected in a stabbing which had occurred two days earlier at Roosevelt Center, was seen by a detective in the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road. The suspect was on foot and carrying what appeared to be a shotgun. As the detective attempted to turn his vehicle around, the suspect carjacked a vehicle at the Greenbelt Shell station and fled the scene eastbound on Greenbelt Road. A lookout was broadcast for the car and Greenbelt officers located and pursued it. During the pursuit the suspect rammed two police cruisers, two citizen motorists and several parked cars. He nearly struck a pedestrian.

The man then drove onto Braden Field near a Greenbelt elementary school, where 27 fifth graders were having recess. He attempted to run through the group of children at play. Lee and other officers attempted to stop the suspect vehicle by striking it with their vehicle but these measures failed to stop the armed man.

Without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, Lee exited his cruiser, placed himself between the suspect, who was accelerating his vehicle toward Officer Lee and the school children and fired several rounds into the vehicle. The suspect was not injured, but did stop his attack and was arrested. No one was injured during the incident.

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poses that three of these cars be sport utility vehicles, which council has opposed in the past. However, if the city moves by April 22 they can purchase these cars under a state bid providing SUVs for the same cost as other city cruisers. The storms this winter, Craze said, pointed out the need for such cars, particularly in areas like apartment complexes, where property owners are responsible for plowing. Having officers ride in snow plows does not work – the officers and plow drivers have different priorities. While mileage on these cars would be reduced by not assigning them to patrol officers, the officers to whom they are assigned would take them home under the city's take-home car program.

Possible Cuts

Two possible cuts have been suggested by McLaughlin to trim the proposed tax hike. One re-estimates the costs of background investigations, now that the department is at full strength.

Craze opposed the other suggestion, elimination of the city's work to obtain accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, towards which $10,000 is budgeted for FY 2004. He said that accreditation would address two important issues: 1) is the department doing the right things and 2) are they doing those things right? Lt. Michael Craddock noted that, once accredited, the city would receive a 10 percent reduction in its liability insurance, which is a major goal for the department. The department began to seek accreditation during 2002; it expects the process to take roughly two and a half years to complete.

Another initiative set forth in the budget is to seek to obtain federal and state grants to centralize radio communications and records management for Greenbelt and Hyattsville at no additional cost to either city. The program, if successful, would expand to include Mt. Rainer, Bladensburg and Riverdale Park at some time in the future. The state and county police departments have also expressed interest, according to the budget book. This program, noted by Davis, was not discussed at the meeting.

Crime Statistics

The police department began its portion of the meeting with a presentation, complete with patriotic music, of departmental highlights. "Part I crimes" (murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft and auto theft) in Greenbelt decreased by 0.1 percent in calendar year 2002, compared with a 16 percent increase in Prince George's County and a 4 percent increase statewide. Traffic accidents increased by 0.5 percent, with four fatal accidents, although personal injury accidents declined 11 percent.

Putens asked about the low closure rate (17 percent) for crimes in the city in 2002, down from 26 percent in 2001. Craze attributed the drop to increasing reluctance by victims to come forward.

City officers participated in the sniper investigation and increased patrols of city schools and other public areas. They also assisted University of Maryland police during the basketball and football playoffs and during a visit by the Secretary General of the United Nations.

At the request of the Secret Service, city officers also assisted with security during the State of the Union Address. McLaughlin pointed out, when police officers did not, that because of the city's reputation for professionalism, they were assigned to a main checkpoint on the inner security perimeter.

The downside of these prestigious assignments is that city taxpayers foot the bill, raising the city's overtime costs. This practice irked White, who objected to the federal government's assumption that they can call on first responders at will – "are we supporting the federal government?" he asked.

Fire Department

The public safety budget also provides for a $54,000 contribution to a reserve fund for equipment for the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Council also indicated its intention to transfer an additional $54,000 to rectify a staff oversight that resulted in the FY 2001 funds not being transferred to this reserve. The 2001 allocation will be taken from unallocated city reserves. Fire Chief Randy Krob said that they expect to purchase a new truck in three years.

Krob said that the department is applying for a Federal Emergency Management Administration grant to purchase two thermal imaging cameras. These cameras can be used to locate people trapped by a fire or lost in the woods.

In addition, the department seeks to renovate its original truck, a 1935 Ford. Members are looking for grants and contributions to raise the $125,000 needed.

Garden Club Meets



Joel Lerner, landscape designer, author and Washington Post garden column writer, will speak on "Do-it-yourself Landscaping" at the Beltsville Garden Club general meeting Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

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United States must work through the United Nations. He disagreed with President George W. Bush's characterization of U.S. action as "preemptive." "It was an enforcement action," he stressed. The UN had not enforced its own mandate.

And indeed Hoyer's printed speech devotes about a page to itemizing the 16 UN resolutions between 1991 and 1998 that were unenforced as Saddam Hussein continued his military violations. "Reaction by force, therefore, is not a preemptive action, but a response to armed breach of legally imposed conditions," Hoyer's written speech proclaims.

Nevertheless, Hoyer disputed Bush's "axis of evil" speech as "a strategic mistake" which he claimed set forth "a destabilizing policy."

Audience Responses

As the meeting progressed, it was clear that people had paid attention to the international scene – not only to recent war news but also to the larger long-term political and international contexts dating back even as far as World War II. Sylvia Lewis, who had survived the London blitz, quoted Winston Churchill in a speech during the 1950s as stressing "jaw, jaw before war, war." She distinguished between peace making and appeasement.

Jim Cassels said that Congress "should impeach both Bush and Chaney. The United States should have worked through the UN," he said to loud applause.

"But the UN didn't act," Hoyer demurred.

Speaking on the other side, Lowell Owens said that "a police state is not at peace." The recent war action apparently "gives hope to the Iraqis," he added.

Another man agreed. (None of the speakers throughout the two-hour session identified themselves, though many were known to this reporter through frequent appearances at city events.) This speaker suggested that the numbers of Iraq citizens killed in the brief war was probably far less than the number killed by the Iraqi regime itself. He was worried, however, about how to set up democracy in that country, given the "feeble democracy" so far established in Afghanistan.

"The only thing we can do," Hoyer responded, "is to set up the context to try to make that possible."

Partisan Views

Other speakers were more partisan. One deplored "the overwhelming judgment of other countries" that there had been "substantial movement" of the Iraqi regime toward compliance and that Bush had much earlier made his decision about going to war. No weapons of mass destruction have yet been discovered, the speaker said. "It was a political mistake to cede power to George Bush," he added to loud applause.

A woman declared the Greenbelt meeting with Hoyer "long overdue." But "how can you export what you do have?" she asked, referring to democracy. The current action looked to her, she said, "like a queer Christian oil brigade." Hoyer disagreed. He didn't believe it was about oil, he said.

Change in Tone

In the front row, but hidden from view to this reporter, was another speaker, who turned out to be a very young boy. His question to Hoyer was more personal: Had the Congressman received his letter? The question brought about a sudden shift in the meeting's tone as Hoyer directed his staff to get Julian's last name and locate the letter in his official mail. He promised to give the boy a phone call about his letter once he had read it.

The next adult speaker turned the tone back to a more somber note as he stressed what he saw as "a disconnect between what the U.S. says and what it does." He saw this "as the norm," he went on. Congress approves so much money for the military but "doesn't deal with the social needs in the United States."

Hoyer agreed. He deplored recent huge tax cuts to the very rich. He saw it as "a bad, negative policy," he said.

Another man stressed that according to the U.S. Constitution, Congress itself should declare war. "Why has Congress ceded its power?" he asked.

Other speakers zeroed in on administration policies. "The war on terrorism should begin at home," one speaker said. He referred especially to the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia, which, he said taught terrorism practices. Saddam, too, had "the complicit support" of many in the present administration, he added.

Karyn Pomerantz said "It's time to reevaluate how we do social change." Decisions concerning foreign policy are being made "by the non-elected," she said.

Another woman spoke on behalf of the Palestinians in the current conflict with Israel. She was followed by Bertram Donn, who said that "we're much less safe" because of the war in Iraq. "It opens the threat of nuclear war."

Bob Snyder broadened discussion to Cuba, which he had just visited. People there, he said, were concerned that their country might be next.

Hoyer replied that Congress "had no intention of attacking nations." He said he saw Iraq "as a special case." Another man replied that over the weekend he had heard Bush "sounding very aggressive" toward Syria.

Reconstruction

Turning the discussion, Alexander Barnes wondered how Hoyer "looked at constructing the Iraq we've destroyed." Hoyer replied that many other countries were willing to help in that effort. In particular he felt that the UN should become involved with humanitarian assistance.

Barnes rejoined that he noticed Hoyer was not among the Democratic candidates who were running for president. Someone else asked Hoyer's opinion of Vermont candidate Howard Dean, who had not voted for the war resolution. To which Hoyer responded that Dean was "a wonderful person." We have "a legitimate difference of opinion," he said.

By this time the meeting, scheduled to run between 4 and 5 p.m., was moving on till almost 6. Perhaps best summing up what had occurred in the previous two hours, another speaker said: "Some beliefs are more well-founded than others." With that, the Congressman and all the audience, could well agree.

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Saturday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Greenbelt Community Center
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